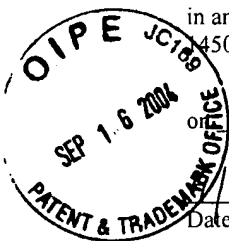


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**RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE  
ACTION MAILED JULY 14, 2004**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the following remarks.

A listing of claims begins at page 2 of this paper.

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